

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)
Governing Board Meeting
Final Minutes
November 12, 2014

LOCATION: 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212
Sacramento, CA 95827
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Bruce Kamilos called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Christine Thompson, Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Todd Eising, City of Folsom
Britton Snipes, City of Rancho Cordova
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director
Heather Peek, Clerk
Ping Chen, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

Mark Roberson, Water Forum
Jim Blanke, RMC Water and Environment
Rodney Fricke, Aerojet Corp.
Jesse Roseman, TNC
Mike Wackman, OHWD

Alex Peterson, Kennedy Jenks Consultants
Jafar Faghieh, HDR
Chris Peterson, West Yost Associates

Member Agencies Absent

City of Elk Grove
Sacramento County Water Agency
Agricultural Interests
Agricultural-Residential
Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied
Rancho Murieta Community Services District
California-American Water Company

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the September 11, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Bettis moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Kamilos nominated Mr. Ocenosak as Chair and Mr. Ewart as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority for calendar year 2015.

Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to elect Mr. Ocenosak as Chair. Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Ocenosak, to elect Mr. Ewart as Vice Chair. The motions carried unanimously to approve the nominations of Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2015.

Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority for calendar year 2015 in accordance with Section 3.069(a) of the Rules of Procedure.

5. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY LEGISLATION

Mr. Eck provided an overview of the various requirements of the Groundwater Sustainability legislation signed by Governor Brown on September 16, 2014. A copy of a letter by Butte

County Water and Resource Conservation which detailed further analysis of the legislation was provided in the board package and also discussed.

A number of concerns were raised by the board during the ensuing discussion including; the potential effect of the legislation on the current structure of the Authority, expanded stakeholder participation in a Sustainability Agency, the potential for increased scrutiny and reporting related to agricultural pumping, potential collaboration with adjacent subbasins, and specifics of State DWR's definition of 'sustainability'.

Action: Information update.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) SCGA Financial Reports – Mr. Eck reported that as of September 30, 2014, total expenditures had been over \$64,000 which was about 27% of the budget.

b) GAP Committee – The committee met on October 8, 2014, and talked about design features for a groundwater banking program. The various components included were overall: project design, improvement and hydro-geologic information, hydrologic assurances, financial and legal assurances, monitoring program and local participation. The committee planned to utilize a document detailing those features for further discussions of the structure and implementation of the GAP. The information in the document included a number of different groundwater banking programs throughout the state, evaluated their strengths and weaknesses, and identified a list of components important successful implementation of a groundwater banking program. Some of the more critical components identified were various assurances that might be necessary based upon the operation a groundwater bank in relation to the basin itself and stakeholder participation.

Mr. Wackman mentioned that Omochumne-Hartnell Water District was collaborating with Rancho Murieta CSD on a groundwater recharge project which might have the potential to be folded into groundwater banking type of program. Mr. Eck replied that whatever the objective and outcome was for that project, it would be appropriate for the Authority to be informed.

7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ewart stated that the City of Sacramento had issued a request for proposal regarding the development of a groundwater master plan for their water system and that an important component of the proposal called for the consultant to collaborate with SCGA as well as SGA. Mr. Ewart stated that generally speaking, the master plan would analyze where to site any new groundwater wells, would assess the suitability of the City's existing wells, would analyze the cumulative impacts of expanded groundwater capacity, and the implantation of conjunctive use program that would span both the north and central basins. Proposals were expected by December 18th, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings –

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 9 am; 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

By:

Joe Orosala
Chairperson

1/14/15
Date

Karin Kayser

1/14/15
Date

